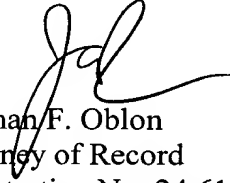


Applicants submit that the application is ready for examination in the merits. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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